

REMARKS

With the entry of the present amendments, claims 1-17, and 33 are pending in the application. Claims 18 – 22, 24-32 and 34-36 have been canceled. Claim 23 was previously canceled. Claim 33 has been amended to include all of the limitations of Claim 20 from which it previously depended.

As discussed below the present amendments place all of the pending claims in the application in condition for allowance.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging that Claims 1-17 are allowable in their present form.

OBJECTION TO CLAIM 33

In the Final Office Action mailed November 29, 2005, Claim 33 was objected to as depending on a rejected base claim. However, that Office Action indicated that Claim 33 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The present amendments rewrite Claim 33 in independent form, in compliance with the recommendation in the Final Office Action. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 33 is now in condition for allowance and request that the outstanding objection be withdrawn.

REJECTED CLAIMS

In the Advisory Action Claims 18-22, 24-32, and 34-36 were rejected. The present amendments cancel Claims 18-22, 24-32, and 34-36. With the cancellation of these claims, the outstanding rejections are rendered moot and Applicants respectfully request that they be withdrawn.

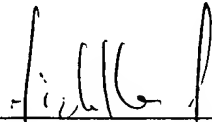
For the foregoing reasons Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims pending in the application are now in condition for allowance. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner withdraw all of the rejections and allow the application to issue. The

Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is thought that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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